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EDITORIAL NOTES

Again it becomes necessary to announce a change in the business management of THE CONDOR. Mr. Law finds it impossible for him to longer attend to the duties of this office, and Mr. W. Lee Chambers will henceforth take charge of our business affairs. Dues and subscriptions should therefore be remitted promptly to W. LEE CHAMBERS, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.

For preparing the 1908 Index appended to the present issue of THE CONDOR, we have to thank Mr. Henry B. Kaeding. The compilation of the yearly index is becoming more and more of an undertaking as our magazine grows. And it relieves the editorial department of a large amount of labor when someone outside assumes that part of the work and carries it to a satisfactory completion, as in the present instance.

The Birds of Washington, which Messrs. Dawson and Bowles have been working upon for the past four years is to go to press the first of the year, and finished copies are expected by May 1, 1909. This sumptuous work will be the most voluminous single publication which has yet appeared dealing solely with the birds of any part of the West. An admirable feature will be the reproductions from drawings and paintings by Allan Brooks, now conceded to be one of the foremost bird artists in the world.

The Ten-year Index is almost finished. Mr. Kaeding, who is devoting himself to this task, believes it will be ready to go to press by January 15th next. In our July number we laid the matter of financing the Ten-year Index before CONDOR readers. We have so far received just two responses to our invitation for donations to meet the cost of the publication (about \$100). These two replies were accompanied by three dollars, which leaves some \$97 still to collect! We wonder, after all, just how much the Ten-year Index is to be appreciated. One man is putting in hundreds of dollars worth of time on it, and two or three others will be donating their services in large measure before the thing is printed. To what extent is this undertaking of real importance to other Cooper Club members?

Mr. Austin Paul Smith has returned from Mexico and is now working with the birds on the U. S. side of the lower Rio Grande in the vicinity of Brownville, Texas.

Mr. H. E. Wilder, of Riverside, has been assisting Mr. H. S. Swarth in exploring the Trabuco region of southern California, in the interests of the University of California Museum.

Mr. William L. Finley of Portland, Oregon, left for New York the middle of October, and attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Audubon Societies on October 27th. He also attended the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union at Cambridge, Mass., commencing November 16th.

Volume X of THE CONDOR consists of over 250 pages, by far the largest volume of our magazine yet issued. We believe the quality of the articles composing this volume to have never been exceeded. If our constituents approve of the efforts which have resulted as above, let them signify it by rendering their prompt and increased support to Volume XI, 1909.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club met in the rooms of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce on the evening of September 12, President D'Evelyn in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dr. Ella Cool Walker, 509 13th and Washington Sts., Oakland, Frank B. Rudolph, 523 10th Street, Oakland, Dr. Clarence E. Edwards, California Promotion Committee, San Francisco, and Annie M. Alexander, 1006 16th St., Oakland, were elected to active membership.

Dr. D'Evelyn read a short paper on the killing of a flock of swans by being swept over the Niagara Falls. The paper was discussed by the members present and numerous other instances of the same sort were reported.

A very interesting paper was read by Mr. Grinnell on the causes of bird migration. After the discussion on this paper the meeting adjourned.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary pro tem.*